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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Settling and Aſcertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majeſties Colonies and Plantations in *America*.

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WE having had under Our Conſideration the different Rates at which the ſame Species of Foreign Coins do Paſs in Our ſeveral Colonies and Plantations in America, and the Inconveniencies thereof, by the indirect Practice of Drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, to the great Prejudice of the Trade of Our Subjects; And being Senſible, That the ſame cannot be otherwiſe Remedied, than by Reducing of all Foreign Coins to the ſame Current Rate within all Our Dominions in America; And the Principal Officers of Our Mint having laid before Us a Table of the Value of the ſeveral Foreign Coins which uſually Paſs in Payments in Our ſaid Plantations, according to their Weight, and the Aſſays made of them in Our Mint, thereby ſhewing the juſt Proportion which each Coin ought to have to the other, which is as followeth, viz. Sevill Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; Sevill Pieces of Eight, New Plate, Fourteen Penny weight, Three Shillings Seven Pence One Farthing; Mexico Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; Pillar Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence Three Farthings; Peru Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Five Pence, or thereabouts; Croſs Dollars, Eighteen Penny-weight, Four Shillings and Four Pence Three Farthings; Ducatoons of Flanders, Twenty Penny-weight and Twenty one Grains, Five Shillings and Six Pence: Ecu's of France, or Silver Lewis, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; Cruſadoes of Portugal, Eleven Penny weight Four Grains, Two Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing; Three Gilder Pieces of Holland, Twenty Penny-weight and Seven Grains, Five Shillings and Two Pence One Farthing; Old Rix Dollars of the Empire, Eighteen Penny weight and Ten Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; The Half, Quarters and other parts in Proportion to their Denominations, and Light Pieces in Proportion to their Weight: We have therefore thought fit for Remedying the ſaid Inconveniencies, by the Advice of Our Council, to Publiſh and Declare, That from and after the Firſt Day of January next enſuing the Date hereof, no Seville, Pillar, or Mexico Pieces of Eight, though of the full Weight of Seventeen Penny-weight and half, ſhall be Accounted, Received, Taken, or Paid within any of Our ſaid Colonies or Plantations, as well thoſe under Proprietors and Charters, as under Our immediate Commiſſion and Government, at above the Rate of Six Shillings per Piece Current Money, for the Diſcharge of any Contracts or Bargains to be made after the ſaid Firſt Day of January next, the Halfs, Quarters, and other leſſer Pieces of the ſame Coins to be Accounted, Received, Taken, or Paid in the ſame Proportion: And the Currency of all Pieces of Eight of Peru, Dollars, and other Foreign Species of Silver Coins, whether of the ſame or Baſer Alloy, ſhall, after the ſaid Firſt Day of January next, ſtand Regulated, according to their Weight and Fineneſs, according and in Proportion to the Rate before Limited and Set for the Pieces of Eight of Sevill, Pillar, and Mexico; So that no Foreign Silver Coin of any ſort be permitted to Exceed the ſame Proportion upon any Account whatſoever. And We do hereby Require and Command all Our Governours, Lieutenant-Governours, Magiſtrates, Officers, and all other Our good Subjects, within Our ſaid Colonies and Plantations, to Obſerve and Obey Our Directions herein, as they Tender Our Diſpleaſure.

Given at Our Caſtle at *Windſor*, the Eighteenth Day of *June*, 1704. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

The following Addreſs has been preſented to Her Majeſty.

To the QUEEN's Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Biſhop, Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and of the Archdeacons and Parochial Clergy of the Dioceſe of *Chicheſter*.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

IT is the Happineſs of this Nation, That under Your Majeſty's Auſpicious Government, we enjoy that Peace at home, which moſt of our Neighbours abroad are at preſent deprived of by Foreign Invaſions, or Inteſtine Diviſions:

And that we have our Holy Religion, our Excellent Conſtitution in Church and State, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Throne, (by which, under God, both are to be continued to Poſterity) not only Eſtabliſhed by the Laws of the Land, but alſo Confirm'd by Your Majeſty's eſpecial Encouragement and Authority.

Theſe invaluable Bleſſings we of the Clergy enjoy in common with the reſt of our Fellow Subjects in this Kingdom: But we have particular Reaſons to be thankful to Almighty God and Your Majeſty, in that you have been very Graciouſly pleaſed, by a Grant of the Firſt-fruits and Tenths, (heretofore payable to the Crown) to provide for the Subſiſtence and better Maintenance of the more Indigent of our Brethren.

That the Great God of Heaven and Earth, who hath inſpired your Sacred Majeſty with theſe Noble and Religious Deſigns, would protect and bleſs Your Majeſty's Perſon; that he would give Succeſs to Your Councils and Arms; and make You happy in the conſtant Obedience of Your People, and Your People long happy under Your Majeſty's Government; is and ſhall be the hearty Prayer of Your moſt Dutiful and moſt Faithful Subjects.

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty received very Graciouſly.

Lisbon, June 14. *N. S.* On Monday the 2d Inſtant Orders were given for the *Engliſh* Forces which were encamped near *Elvas* to be in a readineſs to march; Accordingly they began their March that night, his Grace the Duke of *Schomberg*, and the other General Officers, being at the head of them: After marching all night, they came in the morning to *Borba*, where they halting until the heat of the day was over, in the evening they proceeded on their March, and arrived about midnight at Eſtremos, where they encamped, and continued on the 11th, when their laſt Letters came away. The Duke of *Anjou* with his Army, conſiſting wholly of *French* and *Walloons*, is beſieging *Portalegre*, which Place it is doubted is not in ſo good a Condition of Defence as to hold out very long: His *Spaniſh* Forces are in another Body near the River *Tagus*. Here is Advice, That the Marquis *das Minas*, who had got together a Body of an Army of *Portugueſe* at *Almeida*, is marched from thence towards the *Tagus*, and hath ſent out a Detachment, which has taken a Place on the Frontier called *Fuente Ginalda*, which the *Spaniards* had fortify'd, and whither they had carried their Corn and Cattel, the Governor thereof, with his Gariſon, remaining Priſoners of War. Don *Ronquillo*, Governor of that Province, upon the News of the Marquis's March, retired from *Ciudad Rodrigo*, fearing that he was coming to beſiege that Place, and narrowly eſcaped falling into the Hands of this Detachment. It is believed, that the Marquis *das Minas* with the reſt of his Army attack'd yeſterday the Gariſon which the Enemy has left at *Caſtel-Branco*, if they ſtay there to expect him, and if ſo, the King of *Portugal* and Lieutenant-General *Fagel*, with the *Dutch* Troops, are to join at *Abrantes*, in order to paſs the River. Their Army will be about 24000 ſtrong.

Francfort, June 12. We underſtand, That the Circle of *Swabia* has ſent to the Queen of *England* a Letter, ſubſcribed by the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, and the Biſhop of *Conſtance*, containing their hearty Thanks for the Supply of Money ſent by Her Majeſty to them, and the March of Her Majeſty's Forces under the Command of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, for the Defence of the Common Cauſe. They acknowledge the Neceſſity and Seaſonableneſs of both, at a time when they were reduced to the laſt Extremity, with large Profeſſions of their grateful Senſe of Her Majeſty's Bounty and Protection.

Cologne, June 20. The famous *French* Party-man *la Croix* having formed a Deſign to ſeize the Duke of *Saxe Zeits*, Biſhop of *Raab*, and to convey him away; or if that could not be effected, to murder him, had for that purpoſe ſent two Lieutenants, an Enſign, two Serjeants, and 10 or 12 common Soldiers, in Diſguiſe into this City, who were received and concealed by one of the Inhabitants, from whom they had received their Intelligence for carrying on this Contrivance: They had fixed the time for the Execution of it on a day when the Biſhop was to Dine at the Monaſtery of *Carthuſians*, and at his return from thence they were to watch him at the turning of a certain bye Street, to murder his Coachman and Footmen, and to carry him in his own Coach out of Town, where *la Croix* was to meet them with a Party of 600 Horſe, and to convey him to *Luxemburg*:

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